MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have the Government considered the desirability of instituting some test, written as well as practical, for these drivers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a suggestion to open some training class or to recognise some training class conducted by some private agency.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are not the Government aware of Mr. M. V. Ittycheria's book on motor mechanism, High Court Vakil Mr. Ittycheria's book?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not seen that book.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): My question was whether the *Government* were aware of the book?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I speak on behalf of Government.

Strength of a class in Government schools.

45. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state the average strength of a class in—

(*a*) Government primary schools; and

(*b*) Government secondary schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 50·33.

(*b*) 67·79.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the averages are for the girls and the boys' schools together?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): What is the separate average for the girls' schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has not been worked out.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the member is in a position to inform me whether, on a rough comparison, the average for the girls' schools is less than the average for the boys' schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The figures are not now available.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): What is the sanctioned strength of a class in the departmental primary schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I understand that the maximum allowed is 50.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): My question is not what is allowed, but what the actual strength is?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am sorry I have not got the information before me now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Is it possible for the member to say whether the present average is far higher than the maximum allowed?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe it is.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): What is the reason for this state of affairs?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The inadequacy of staff.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know why the Government have not taken steps to increase the staff?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is just for that that the Government have now come forward for a supplementary grant. When that is sanctioned, more teachers will be appointed.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the demand now made appreciably lower the average strength in the classes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It must, necessarily.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will it bring down the strength to the sanctioned maximum strength?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Most probably not.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether it is due to want of money that all the grant necessary is not asked for now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I point out to Government that it should be their policy to provide first of all for primary and secondary education before they think of improving collegiate education?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise out of your question.

Complaint against Mr. Kunnappallil Raman Pillai, Proverthicar, Ranni.

46. MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has received any complaint against Mr. Kunnappallil Raman Pillai, Proverthicar, Ranni;

(*b*) if so, whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has made the necessary enquiries regarding it; and

(*c*) if so, the result?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*). The necessary enquiry is being made.

Concession granted to students passing out of the Agricultural Schools.

47. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the students who pass from he Agricultural Schools are given lands and loans on favourable conditions for the formation of agricultural colonies;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of such students who have not yet received such help from the Government; and

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